(viii) राज्य में 63,375 अनौपचारिक शिक्षा केन्द्रों को भी संस्वीकृति-प्रदान कर दी गई है । ये केन्द्र, सरकारी तथा स्वैच्छिक दोनों प्रकार की एजेंसियों द्वारा चलाए जा रहे हैं ।

Review of dual pricing policy on fertilizers

@1471. SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY:
SHRI MURLIDHAR CHANDRAKANT BHANDARE:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have undertaken or propose to undertake a review of its dual pricing policy on Fertilizers; and

(b) if so, what are the details in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI BALRAM JAKHAR): (a) and (b) Scheme on Fertilizer Subsidy for Small and Marginal Farmers has been taken up in 1991-92, and there is no specific proposal at present, under consideration, to review the dual pricing policy for the current year.

Small and Marginal Farmers

@@1472. SHRI SHIV PRATAP MISHRA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of small and marginal farmers identified so far in the country for distribution of fertilizers at subsidised rates; and

(b) what is the quantity and value of fertilizer distributed to them upto 31st October, 1991?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI MULLAPALLY RAMACHANDRAN): (a) As per the Agriculture Census 1985-86, the number of small and marginal farmers in the country are 179.22 lakh and 561.47 lakh respectively.

The amount of Central assistance allocated to different States/UTs was based on the area operated by small and marginal farmers, as well as the average per ha. consumption of the State/UT.

(b) The quantity and value of fertilizer distributed to small and marginal farmers upto 31st October, 1991 is not yet available.

Brackish water fisheries

1473. SHRI JAGADISH JANI: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are considering a proposal for promoting brackish water fisheries;

(b) if so, the steps Government have taken in that direction in Orissa during the last three years;

(c) whether Government have sought external assistance for implementing brackish water fishery projects in that State; and

(d) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI MULLAPPALLY RAMACHANDRAN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Some of the steps taken by the Government for promotion of Brackish water Aquaculture in Orissa during the last three years include:

(i) establishment of a prawn farm at Mouza Jamboo in Cuttack district;

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